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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. The Art Unit location of your application in the USPTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Art Unit 2617.

Objections

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested: **"A System And Method For Determining The Location Of A Device And Thus A Person In Emergency Situations"**.

Specification

3. The amended abstract and specification with underlined and crossed over words are such that make reading difficult. New application papers without underlined/crossed words are required.
4. The subject matter of this application admits of illustration by a drawing to facilitate understanding of the invention. Applicant is requested to furnish a flowchart clarifying the method of the operations of the invention. No new matter may be introduced in the required drawing. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 12-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ford (US 6,349,201).

With respect to claim 12, Ford discloses a method for locating a communication device (**See Ford's abstract, col.2 lines 39-46, 50-52, 56-58, 63-64, col.3 lines 3-11, 12-22, 27-36, 39-41, 62-67, col.4 lines 1-2, 7-26**), whereby an emergency call routine is activated (**See Ford's abstract, col.2 lines 39-46, 50-52, 56-58, 63-64, col.3 lines 3-11, 12-22, 27-36, 39-41, 62-67, col.4 lines 1-2, 7-26**), comprising the steps of: detecting at least one available communications network at the location of the communication device (**See Ford's abstract, col.2 lines 39-46, 50-52, 56-58, 63-64, col.3 lines 3-11, 12-22, 27-36, 39-41, 62-67, col.4 lines 1-2, 7-26, figure 1, 2, and 4, where an emergency call routine is activated by impact sensors and transmitted using communication devices**); selecting one of the communications networks when more than one communications network is detected (**See Ford's col.5 lines 21-34**); sending an emergency signal over the selected network (**See Ford's abstract, col.2 lines 39-46, 50-52, 56-58, 63-64, col.3 lines 3-11, 12-22, 27-36, 39-41, 62-67, col.4 lines 1-2, 7-26**); identifying the communication device (**See Ford's abstract, col.2**

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lines 39-46, 50-52, 56-58, 63-64, col.3 lines 3-11, 12-22, 27-36, 39-41, 62-67, col.4 lines 1-2, 7-26); and localizing the identified communication device by using a localization method available over the selected network **(See Ford's abstract, col.2 lines 39-46, 50-52, 56-58, 63-64, col.3 lines 3-11, 12-22, 27-36, 39-41, 62-67, col.4 lines 1-2, 7-26).**

With respect to claim 13, Ford discloses a method wherein at least one of the communications network comprises mobile transceiver or transponder stations, by which the emergency signal from the communication device is further transmitted or that function as a transponder for said emergency signal **(See Ford's figure 3, col.5 lines 21-24, 35-45, see additional info col.2 lines 39-46, 50-52, 56-58, 63-64, col.3 lines 3-11, 12-22, 27-36, 39-41, 62-67, col.4 lines 1-2, 7-26).**

With respect to claim 14, Ford discloses a method whereby a further network is a cellular network **(See Ford's col.6 lines 10-24).**

With respect to claim 15, Ford discloses a method whereby the emergency cell routine also comprises the identification of the communication device **(See Ford's abstract, col.2 lines 39-46, 50-52, 56-58, 63-64, col.3 lines 3-11, 12-22, 27-36, 39-41, 62-67, col.4 lines 1-2, 7-26).**

With respect to claim 16, Ford discloses a method whereby also a speech connection is established over one of the detected communications networks **(See Ford's col.6 lines 10-24).**

With respect to claim 17, Ford discloses a method whereby the emergency call routine can be activated remotely (**See Ford's abstract, col.2 lines 39-46, 50-52, 56-58, 63-64, col.3 lines 3-11, 12-22, 27-36, 39-41, 62-67, col.4 lines 1-2, 7-26**).

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sayed T. Zewari whose telephone number is 571-272-6851. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-4:30.

8. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lester G. Kincaid can be reached on 571-272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

9. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.


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